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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT TO NETHERLANDS

REF: THE HAGUE 1744, 1745, 1789

1. SUMMARY: REININK (DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN AFFS, MFA) HAS PROVIDED COMMENTS ON CEAUSESCU VISIT, OF WHICH HE WAS ONE OF PRIME GON ARCHITECTS, OBSERVING THAT VISIT WAS MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AND USEFUL IN ENCOURAGING ROMANIANS' DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTIFY ON EUROPEAN MAY AND IN EXPANDING THEIR OPENINGS TO THE WEST. END SUMMARY.

2. CSCE. CEAUSESCU EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS OVER " DANGEROUS" TENDENCIES AT HELSINKI TO POSTPONE CSCE AND APPEALED FOR DUTCH ASSISTANCE IN PROCEEDING TO OPENING OF CONFERENCE IN JUNE. DUTCH RESPONDED THAT ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE NECESSARY IF IT WERE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. CEAUSESCU CONTENTED THAT MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN HELSINKI AS WELL AS IN VIENNA, AND THAT GOVTS SHOULD NOT GO TO A CSCE TO CONFIRM THE STATUS QUO IN EUROPE BUT TO WORK FOR A NEW SECURITY SYSTEM. (REININK EMPHASIZED TO EMBASSY HIS STRONG HOPE THAT THE ALLIES WON' T IGNORE AT HELSINKI DUTCH SUCCESS IN TYING TOGETHER NON- USE OF FORCE AND INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS PRINCIPLES, AS WELL AS OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DUTCH- ROMANIAN DECLARATION. HE SAID POLISH AMBASSADOR HAD JUST PAID CALL ON HIM AND AT LENGTH REGISTERED PROTEST RE LINKAGE OF NON- USE AND INVIOABILITY PRINCIPLES IN DECLARATION, WHICH WAS FIRST OFFICIAL EASTERN REACTION TO DECLARATION WHICH GON HAD RECEIVED).

3. MBFR. CEAUSESCU SAID ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TALKS, THE EFFECTS OF WHICH WILL BE FELT BY ALL, BUT THAT ROMANIA DID NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISION- MAKING OR ACTUAL AGREEMENTS.

4. IN DESCRIBING EUROPEAN SECURITY AS QUESTION OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE FOR ROMANIA, CEAUSESCU SAID A NEW SYSTEM WAS NEEDED TO REPLACE PRESENT BLOCS; THAT THERE SHOULD BE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM THIRD COUNTRIES AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. FONMIN SCHMELZER RESPONDED THAT THE PRESENT SECURITY SYSTEM WAS NOT THE BEST POSSIBLE BUT WARNED THAT A NEW SYSTEM MUST GUARANTEE EUROPEAN SECURITY, IN WHICH

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NATO STILL PLAYS A VITAL ROLE.

4. REGARDING CEAUSESCU' S POINT RE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES, SCHMELZER SAID THE PRESENCE OF US FORCES STABILIZES EUROPE AND HE DOESN' T FAVOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL UNTIL A NEW SYSTEM IS DEvised TO GUARANTEE EUROPEAN SECURITY. HE SAID A UNILATERAL U. S. WITHDRAWAL WOULD DESTROY EUROPEAN EQUILIBRIUM AND FORCE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN WESTERN EUROPEAN CONVENTIONAL FORCES, WITH ALL THE IMPLICATIONS SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD ENTAIL; THEREFORE DUTCH INSIST THAT VIENNA PRODUCE BOTH MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS. HE ADDED THAT GON OPPOSES AN INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN NUCLEAR FORCE AND APPROACHES SECURITY QUESTIONS IN FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

6. GENERAL. CEAUSESCU ADVOCATED A STRONGER ROLE FOR MIDDLE- SIZED COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE FELT THAT INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE HAD IMPROVED, BUT NON SUPER-POWERS SHOULDN' T SIT BACK AND RELAX. THIS WAS WHY ROMANIA LAST YEAR HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE RE STRINGTHENING ROLE OF SMALL AND MIDDLE- SIZED NATIONS IN UN, WHOSE ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING PEACE AND SECURITY CEAUSESCU WANTS TO SEE STRENGTHENED.
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